



29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear parents and carers

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that schools are still expected to be open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. With this in mind please note the following very important information:

The school is **not open** for the following year groups, **please do not bring your children** into school on Monday.

<b>Nursery</b>	If we can ensure the ground floor is safe Nursery will open on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Reception</b>	If we can ensure the ground floor is safe Nursery will open on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Year 2</b>	
<b>Year 3</b>	
<b>Year 4</b>	
<b>Year 5</b>	

School is only open tomorrow to the following pupils:

Children whose parents have been contacted by Mrs Beswick

**Children in Year 1** whose parents have already indicated they would like them to attend

**Children in Year 6** whose parents have already indicated they would like them to attend

**All other children will unfortunately not be able to attend at this time as the school has very limited space please do not bring them to school.**

**Please note that the school will be closed on Fridays until further notice to allow deeper cleans to occur.**

If your child is due to attend on Monday please see details overleaf explaining structure of the school day and expectations.

I have a school age son and I fully understand the frustrations and confusion we have dealt with over the last few weeks. At Clarksfield we are working hard to ensure everything we do is carefully planned, phased and with the very best interests at heart.

Yours sincerely,

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## Details about arrangements

We will be implementing the **2 square metre** social distancing rule everywhere for everyone. We have completed a careful evaluation of the space and our staff capacity and have established that we can safely accommodate between 4-7 children per class.

We currently haven't had to implement rotas and therefore for the **next 2 weeks** your child will be able to attend everyday. This will be reviewed in **2 weeks time** as further guidance is issued or we have more families wishing the children attend.

Here are the arrangements for your child:

### 1) Attendance

Attendance is not compulsory. We ask that however that if your child is going to be off you contact the school as normal.

### 2) Drop-off and pick up and communication through the day

As you can imagine, dropping off and picking up poses a challenge for managing social distancing for you and other parents and all the children. Being outside does significantly reduce the risk but we will be asking parents to drop off their child in the large pitch accessed off Grasmere Road. Please be aware that only one parent can do this. There will be sanitiser to use at the gate. To reduce the risk of spreading the virus, parents will not be able to access the playground or school building as normal. A member of staff will meet the children and escort them into the school.

We will not be able to manage late arrivals or pick ups and if this occurs we will have to ask the family to keep the children at home and to continue to engage with the home learning being provided. This is essential to enable us to maintain safe social distancing arrangements.

Year 6 children will need to be brought to and collected from school, they are not allowed to walk on their own.

Age Group	Drop-off time	Pick-up time
Year 1	9.15 – 9.30	2.30
Year 6	8.45 – 9.15	2.15

During the day, we ask that you communicate with us only via the telephone 0161 213 1235. To reduce any risk further, parents, and all other external visitors to the Academy, will not be allowed onto school premises for the time being.

### 3) Temperature Testing and Testing for Corona

While it is not a Government requirement, each child will have a temperature check with a thermal (non-contact) thermometer on arrival. If your child has a temperature we will ask you to take them home to reduce the risk of someone who may have the virus from entering the Academy.

Please be assured that staff will be undergoing the same checks.

If you think your child is displaying symptoms of the virus it would be helpful to get them tested. You can do so by checking here for the nearest centre (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>). If

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they are positive we depend on you to alert us at the soonest possible moment so that we can advise other parents and take the necessary steps to isolate children and staff.

#### 4) Risk Assessments

We have completed a thorough risk assessment following guidance from the Government (you can read this guidance and the guidance from the Government to parents by searching for 'Opening schools guidance for parents on the internet.'). There is also further information on the Oasis Community Learning Trust website.

We have reviewed every procedure in the school in the light of the virus including how we will set out classrooms, the use of PPE by staff, how to manage drop-off and pick up, the use of temperature checks, how the children will have access to hand washing, how they will move around the Academy safely and many more issues etc

The risk assessment has been signed off by the Oasis national leadership team along with myself as Principal and will remain under constant review as we monitor our progress and as the country's situation changes.

#### 5) Social Distancing

As indicated above, we have created social distancing routes around the Academy and we have rearranged classrooms to meet requirements for social distancing this is above and beyond Government expectations. We have prioritised the use of classrooms with sinks, or nearby to washing facilities.

It is important to say that we fully understand any anxiety you may have about young children not being able to manage social distancing.

With this in mind, we will be developing strict routines for the children to follow and we have kept the ratios of children to staff very low. We will keep them in small groups which will remain the same throughout the time they are in school. They will stay in one classroom with limited movement around the Academy. Where possible they will have their food and drinks brought to them. If they use any equipment it will be washed down afterwards and before it is allowed to be used by others. *Insert any additional detail*

#### 6) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

We have a stock of PPE within the Academy, including face-masks, disposable gloves, disposable aprons, hand sanitisers and soap. While we are not expecting to have any shortages of PPE, we will only remain open if we have enough equipment.

Please note that the latest Government guidance is that wearing a face mask in schools is not recommended; effective cleaning, excellent hygiene and developing new routines are deemed the most effective way to control the spread of the virus. However, we have agreed that if staff wish to wear to a mask they have the opportunity to do so. Masks for children, particularly young children is considered unsafe **please do not send masks into school.**

#### 7) Uniform

In order to take every opportunity to limit any spread of the virus we respectfully recommend that you wash your child's clothes which they have worn to school at the end of every day. In order to

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make this easier to cope with we are happy for the children to wear easily washable clothes. It is not possible to change their uniform daily.

## 8) Hygiene

We have increased cleaning across the Academy, with a focus on regularly wiping down door handles and hard surfaces. There will be disinfectant sprays and paper for cleaning purposes in each classroom. The school will be thoroughly cleaned each day and will have been thoroughly cleaned before the children return. We have established routines for hand washing on coming into school and leaving and also before and after breaks. There are hand sanitizers around the academy.

**The school will be closed on Fridays to staff and pupils to receive additional deeper cleans.**

## 9) Getting to and from school

The latest advice from the Government is that you should try to avoid public transport especially at peak times and, where possible, travel to and from the Academy by walking or cycling. We have tried to stagger arrival times with this in mind – see point 2

We know that this will not always be possible, so please let us know any concerns around this.

## 10) Equipment

Please do not allow your child to bring any equipment into school including any school bags. See the next paragraph about school lunches. If your child can bring their own water bottle without using a bag that would be helpful and please can this be labelled with their name.

We will be giving the children their own pens and pencils etc to use while they are at school and these will be dedicated for their use.

## 11) School lunches

All students who are able to attend school will be provided with a free school lunch if you chose. This is to be reviewed in 2 weeks' time. You may send a packed lunch into school but the lunch box would need to be cleaned on arrival and would stay with the child all day.

If you are eligible for the Government's food voucher scheme, run by Edenred, then you will continue to receive a voucher in the usual way even if your child attends the academy and receives a meal there. Food will be brought to classrooms and children will eat there.

## 12) Curriculum planning and online learning

Online learning will continue for:

- Those year groups who are not in school
- Those children who cannot come into school because they need to be shielded or are shielding others
- Those we cannot currently accommodate due to space restrictions.

Arrangements are different for each year group, but our teachers will be sharing the teaching and learning. Some will be providing the teaching within school, while others will be providing the online learning from home.

## 13) Behaviour

If a child refuses to follow social distancing rules we reserve the right to refuse them entry to the school.

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